

THE FREEDOM POST

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A note from Mr. Sabatino,



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are glad everyone survived the Hurricane with minimal or no damage and our school was safe. Our custodians came in and cleaned up any debris that was around campus so Freedom Shores was ready and waiting for the children's return. Getting past that we now have the Holidays in our sights. Time truly seems to go faster and faster every day!!

In October, we stood up against drugs and showed our unity to stay drug free during Red Ribbon Week! We also participated in the National Walk to School Day. We also had our UFLI Night for our Kindergarten through Second Grade parents, our Harvest Dance and our annual Storybook Parade.

During Red Ribbon week our students and staff all dressed up on each day to show their support against the use of drugs. During this week our Eagles family was seen wearing glitter and bling and many other different outfits. This was a great week and showed how we were all standing up to drugs.

With the Hurricane postponing our Walk to School Day, we still had many families show up on the rescheduled day to walk to our school. This was great fun and we posted many pictures of our happy children and families. During our UFLI Parent Night, great information about this new phonics program was shared so the families got to see what is happening in their child's classroom. There was great joy at our Harvest Dance where the children dressed up, some even represented their Houses, to dance and have fun with friends and family. Finally, we had our annual Storybook Parade. This great event brings families out to our campus to watch their child's class bring stories to life as they dress as the characters. To go along with our parade, we had our pumpkin decorating contest initiated by our Altruismo House.

During morning drop-off, please remember to have your children ready to exit the car on the passenger side, when you pull up in front of the school. By doing this and by pulling up as far as you can on the curb we will continue to make our drop-off procedure faster. As long as you are in the school gates by 8:00 your child is not late. If you come in after 8:00, you will need to park and walk your child in to sign them in as tardy. Also, please refrain from dropping your children off or picking them up in the bus loop or anywhere else but the car line since this is very dangerous and causes many problems. We need to all work together and respect our neighbors.

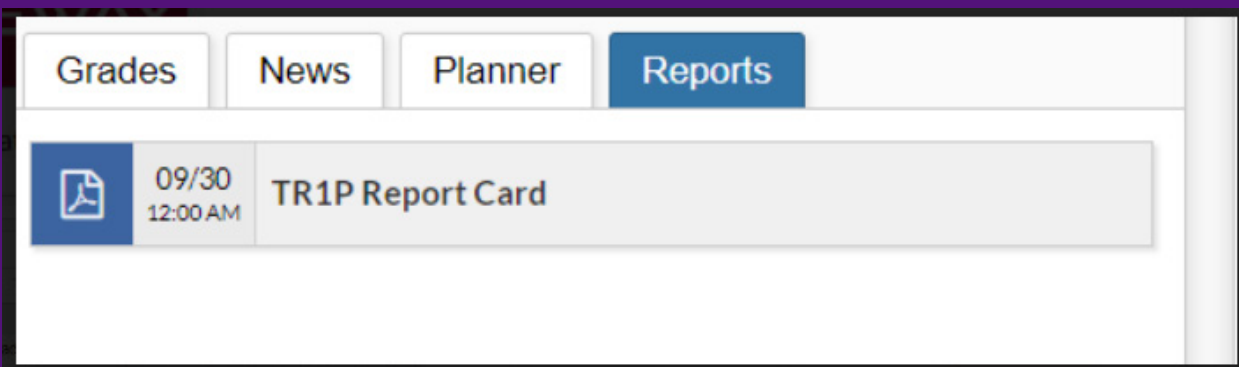
Please do not send your children to school with soda as a drink for their lunch. We would appreciate only water to hydrate the children. Also, please only send healthy snacks.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation every day. We are all working together to raise the future leaders of our world.

A note from Ms. Rogers,



November officially marks the end of our first trimester. This means your child will be receiving their first report card on November 8th for this school year. Paper report cards are no longer distributed. Report cards can be found on your child's portal on the SIS Gateway Tile then under reports in the middle. Be sure to click TR1 then Reports. If you do not have a login, please email me directly at Kimberly.Rogers@palmbeachschools.org.



Now is a great time to schedule a parent/teacher conference with your child's teacher. Whether your child is meeting standards or not, find out about their strengths and weaknesses, behavior and how you can support them at home. The best way to contact the teacher is via email.



Freedom Shores Elementary After School offers a variety of activities! Students will have the chance to have snacks with their friends, play great games and sports outside, complete their homework, and do fabulous enriching arts and crafts activities. Students also have the chance to participate in clubs they choose.

Registration now available online!

Registration Fee: \$35 per child

Please Register Here!



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Hello Parents and
Guardians!

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. In Classroom Guidance, we will be using the Second Step program to teach these critical skills. The Second Step program teaches skills in the following four areas:

1. **Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
2. **Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
3. **Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
4. **Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child will be learning a lot this year—and he or she will need your help! If you have any questions about the Second Step program, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life!



The Choice application opens for the 2025-2026 school year on November 4. If you plan on attending a choice program for middle school, make sure you apply as soon as possible at www.mypbchoiceapp.com. We will be hosting an assembly for 5th grade students and their parents on Thursday November 21st from 8:30-9:30 am. Various middle schools will come to present their choice programs to our students and parents. We would love to see you there!



Multi-Agency Resource Center to Open in Wellington

Palm Beach County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) are establishing a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) for individuals impacted by Hurricane Milton. The MARC will be staffed with personnel from federal, state, local partners, and non-profit agencies to ensure residents have access to all available resources following the storm events.

The MARC will open at Village Park Gym Room 1B, 11700 Pierson Road, Wellington, FL 33414, and hours of operations are 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. The MARC will open at 8 A.M. on October 19. The MARC is open to individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits seeking assistance or needing help in completing applications after being impacted by Hurricane Milton.

Invited agencies include Veteran Affairs, Florida Commerce, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, DCF with mental health counselors and Hope Florida, Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Office of Insurance Regulation, and Elder Affairs. There will also be contractors from Indelible. They are representing the State to help register people on tablets and laptops with FEMA. The Palm Beach County Long Term Recovery Coalition partners, such as United Way of PBC, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army and The American Red Cross, will be present at the center.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at DisasterAssistance.gov, calling 1-800-621-3362, or using the FEMA App.

To view a list of resources, please visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/hurricane-recovery.aspx>.

Please check back for developments and updates to these resources.



Greetings from the Special Education Department at Freedom Shores!

Did you know that students with IEPs at Freedom Shores have access to audiobooks through:



The Parent As Liaison (Pal)

*The Parent As Liaison (Pal) is Ms. Mary Black, you can reach her at: mary.black.c@palmbeachschools.org for assistance navigating during the ESE process. More information on Pals can be found here <https://www.fdlrsalpha.org/parent-services>.

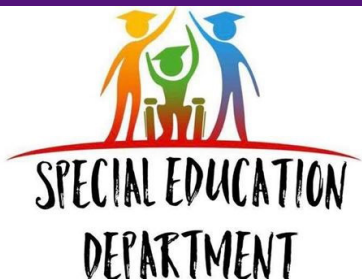


Child Find

*Child Find offers information and FREE SCREENINGS for children 3-5 years of age who may have difficulty with learning, speaking, playing, seeing, walking, and/or hearing. To begin the process, please call staff at: (561) 434-7337.



**IEP meetings at this time will be virtual or in person. We ask that if you have been ill within 3 days that you choose the virtual option for staff safety. If you have a concern or would like to share new information with the ESE team please contact Dr. Sharrié Vereen, ESE Coordinator at 561-804-3110 or sharrie.vereen-thomas@palmbeachschools.org*



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New Worlds Mathematics Scholarship Accounts

Effective July 1, 2023, the New Worlds Scholarship Accounts Program expanded eligibility to include public school students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5 who:

**Exhibit
characteristics of
dyscalculia**

**Have a
substantial
deficiency in
mathematics**

**Scored below a Level 3 on the
statewide, standardized
Mathematics assessment in
the prior school year.**

Step Up for Students is the only SFO that administers the scholarship to eligible students. Families who wish to apply for the New Worlds Math Math Scholarship Accounts for the 2024-2025 school year may do so through Step Up for Student's Website.

November 2024



Freedom Shores Elementary PTO

Presidents Message

I hope this message finds you well! Your involvement in the PTO is vital to our success, and I encourage you to get involved, share your ideas, and participate in upcoming events. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for our children. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please reach out!

REMINDER: 10 Volunteer hours are REQUIRED 2 weeks prior to chaperoning on any field trips and you will not be aloud to volunteer in your Childs classroom.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! Let me know what time you plan to come to assist, there is no set time that the teacher requested. Best, Mrs. O'Brien

Important Dates:

November 6th

Texas roadhouse
bread sale starts

November 11th

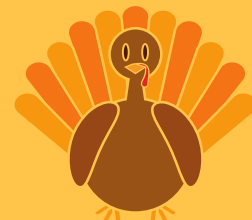
Veteran's Day
Breakfast

November 20th

SAC/PTO Meeting 7am
Texas Roadhouse Night
(Tip a teacher, Dine to
Donate and pick up
bread)

November 21st

Kona Ice during
recess



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Dual Language & Esol



Our Dual Language students will continue taking LAS Español until November 15. LAS Español is a Spanish language proficiency assessment that measures the speaking, listening, reading, writing, and comprehension skills of students. It helps teachers in Dual Language Programs in our school district track and monitor progress in attaining Spanish language proficiency. Individual reports will be available to each family later this school year.

On Tuesday, November 19th, at 6:00 p.m. the ESOL Team will hold the first Parent Leadership Council Meeting for this school year. There will be important information about the ESOL Program/Dual Language, parent/student resources, Choice Program and more. We will be sending out the invites. Please plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Showcase of Schools is still available for you to explore every school in the School District of Palm Beach County, including 300+ Choice and Career programs. See more here:
<https://www2.palmbeachschools.org/showcase/>

Applications are available in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese on the District website. Talk with your fifth grader about the Choice Programs. If you need more information or assistance in completing the form, please contact Ms. Coffman or Ms. Briceño. Also, you can click on the link below for more information about choice programs.

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/domain/398>



Kindergarten:

It is hard to believe that November is here! As the leaves begin to change colors and fall from the trees, our Kindergarteners are falling for books! The process of learning to read continues to be the biggest goal for our students. As your child continues to learn and apply each new strategy to his or her reading, an amazing change takes place! The confidence of your child grows and changes and the desire to read becomes a priority to each child. Reading to your child and listening to them read to you each day sends them the message that reading is important to both of you! In math we are introducing Addition to the sum of 10.

We would like to thank you for your support by reading at home, helping your child complete their homework, and practicing math skills. It will make a difference! May you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.



First Grade:

Hello first grade families, the first trimester is almost over!! Just a reminder, report cards will be in your child's portal tile under SIS (no hard copy). Please make sure your email address and phone numbers are updated. We want to make sure you're receiving all important calls and emails. Thank you for your support. We are so PROUD of all the hard work they are doing! In ELA we will begin Unit 3 in Benchmark: Being a Good Community Member. Students will read a variety of genres including: nonfiction, poetry, realistic fiction, and biographies. We will also be writing expository texts, which is research (main idea) and information (details) about a topic. At home, read/listen to a book for at least 15 minutes every day. In Math, we are going to work in Unit 4: Understanding subtraction up to 20. At home, students should be practicing subtraction strategies and ways to take away up to 20. Students should be using objects and number lines to help grasp the concept. In Science, we will be in Unit 5 Heredity and Reproduction of plants and animals. Our students will be making observations that plants and animals closely resemble their parents. At home, discuss the different kinds of animals and their offsprings. In Social Studies, we will be learning about the history of Native Americans and their contributions.

Second Grade:

Happy November from Second Grade! We are so excited for the fall season and cooler weather! In math we have been learning about using different strategies to subtract numbers up to 100. In reading we have been learning about government workers and how their jobs help impact our lives. Ask us about what smoke jumpers do! Please remember to check your child's blue communication folder each night to keep with important information and dates!



Third Grade:

Time has flown by, and we find ourselves nearing the Thanksgiving break already! The first-trimester report cards will be available in your student's portal on November 8, 2024.

Unfortunately, due to the impact of Hurricane Milton, only two classes were able to attend the field trip to Sandoway Discovery Center. The new field trip dates are now scheduled for January 21st and 22nd. Your child's teacher will be sending home the updated permission slips closer to these dates.

As a friendly reminder, please continue to check your child's agenda and/or communication folder each night for any homework assignments or important information that may need to be signed and returned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school administration. We are here to support you and your child's educational journey.

Fourth Grade:

Happy November!! This month in math we will continue practicing multiplying and begin dividing up to 3-digit numbers and interpreting remainders and for reading we are continuing point of view, summarizing, plot, text features, text structures, problem and solution. Important dates to remember; November 8 - report cards post to SIS Gateway on the portal, Wednesday, November 13th 6-7pm is our Parent Math Night and November 25-29 is Thanksgiving Break. Continue checking for daily homework Monday through Thursday and keep in touch with your child's teacher. Thanks for your continued support!



Fifth Grade:

We have had a great start to our school year as the first trimester is coming to an end. The Fall Festival Dance was a lot of fun, glad to see so many students enjoying a night of dancing and hanging out with friends. In math it is very important that you know your multiplication facts, if you do not please have your child make flashcards at home. It is very important to make sure you are checking your child's agenda nightly for homework and also for any important papers that are sent home. Every 5th grader should be reading nightly for 30 minutes. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

School Info






Holiday Donations:

The Boynton Beach Calvary Chapel will donate Thanksgiving Baskets to several families in need. We thank them for always blessing our FSE families during the holidays!

We will also be starting the Giving Tree at the end of November. The Giving Tree helps us provide clothes and gifts to students in need. Please be on the lookout for a flyer in your child's folder for information on how you can help.

NOVEMBER

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Dollar, No Collar	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 Daylight Savings Ends Holocaust Education Week	Wear your house colors!	No School 	Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Begins	5:30 pm - Parenting Classes	Dollar, No Collar Report Cards Post to SIS	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
National School Psychology Week. We love Mrs. McDonough!	Wear your house colors! 7:30- Veteran's Day Breakfast		6pm - Parent Math Night	5:30 pm - Parenting Classes	Dollar, No Collar Flu Vaccines on Campus *Only for students who signed up*	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Wear your house colors! House Meetings!	6pm - ESOL Parent Night	7am- PTO/SAC Meeting 8:30- Middle School Assembly 5pm- 9pm Texas Roadhouse Night	*Kona Ice during recess* 5:30 pm - Parenting Classes	Dollar, No Collar	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! NO SCHOOL Read at least 20 minutes daily and practice math facts.						

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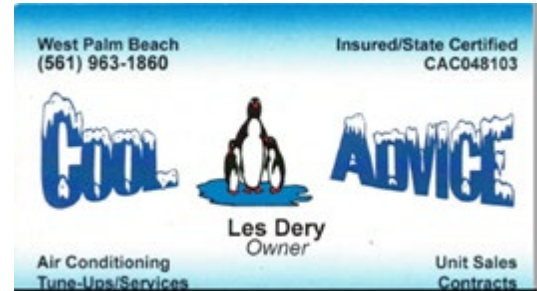
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